

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES
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Hurricane Matthew 2016, Timely Household Reporting of Food Loss

(October 27, 2016)

(Food and Nutrition Services)

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

DATE: October 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Additional Counties Added to the Hurricane Matthew Timely Household Reporting of Food Loss Waiver extension

EFFECTIVE: October 27, 2016

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew brought severe flooding and power outages to many counties in eastern and central North Carolina. Many families and individuals were directly impacted by Hurricane Matthew which forced them to temporarily relocate to shelters, with family members, and others within surrounding and bordering counties. Over the past week, several county Departments of Social Services offices have been closed and continue to be closed for indefinite periods of time. As a result, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients are unable to report food loss within the 10-day timeframe.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved an extension of the waiver for Timely Household Reporting of Food Loss for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients in **Edgecombe, Gates, Lee, Martin, Moore, Nash, Pitt, Wake, and Wilson**. This waiver allows any current FNS recipient in these counties to report a loss of food beyond the 10-day timeframe and receive replacement benefits if eligible.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

USDA extended the original reporting deadline from October 28, 2016 to October 31, 2016 for the counties listed above. Recipients may report food loss and request replacement benefits until October 31, 2016. A household can report the loss to any county DSS agency. Refer to the DSS Disaster Q&As for further information and instructions regarding replacements.

<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dss/county/Disaster%20Issues.htm>

Submit any questions regarding this information to the DHHS Operational Support Team (OST) at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov. To ensure these questions receive priority response, please include "Disaster" as the subject line when submitting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. Below the signature is a thin horizontal line.

David Locklear, Chief
Economic and Family Services